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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- US HOSTSHIP OF IRSG ASSEMBLY

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1. RE PARA 1 REFTEL, INFORMAL SOUNDING INDICATED THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG) WOULD BE MOST RECEPTIVE TO AN INVITATION FROM THE UNITED STATES TO ACT AS HOST TO THE IRSG ASSEMBLY IN 1978. DATE PREFERENCES ARE FOR JUNE OR OCTOBER 1978 (THAT ORDER) AND THE MEETING WOULD BE OF THE ASSEMBLY (25TH OR 26TH ASSEMBLY, DEPENDING UPON NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD IN INTERVENING YEARS), RATHER THAN THE LESS FORMAL GROUP MEETING. AN OPENING ADDRESS BY A CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIAL IS NORMAL PRACTICE FOR ASSEMBLY MEETINGS (COMMERCE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR U.Q.).

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, FOLLOWING WOULD SEEM TO BE INVOLVED IN U.S. HOSTSHIP:

(A) LENGTH OF MEETING -- FOUR TO FIVE DAYS

(B) SIZE - APPROXIMATELY 200 DELEGATES REPRESENTING
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(C) LANGUAGES -- ENGLISH AND FRENCH ONLY

(D) DOCUMENTATION -- 30-40 DOCUMENTS OF ABOUT THREE PAGES EACH -- ALL REQUIRING TRANSLATION; ABOUT 150 PAGES TOTAL, NORMAL TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR ONE TO TWO DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING AND A SIMILAR PERIOD AFTER, I.E., TOTAL REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSLATION RESOURCES 7-8 DAYS.

(E) INTERPRETERS - ENGLISH - FRENCH; FRENCH - ENGLISH ONLY. SIX TO SEVEN HOURS PER DAY, NORMAL FOR 40 HOURS MAXIMUM FOR ENTIRE CONFERENCE.

(F) REPRESENTATION - ONE FORMAL RECEPTION AND PERHAPS SMALL LUNCHEONS BY MEMBERS OF US DEL., AS REQUIRED.

3. THE LAST ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE US WAS THE 16TH CONVENED IN WASHINGTON, MAY-JUNE 1963. WE UNDERSTAND THE US RUBBER INDUSTRY STRONGLY FAVORS US SPONSORSHIP OF AN EARLY ASSEMBLY AND IN FACT AT THE 24TH ASSEMBLY IN JAKARTA LAST SUMMER WE WERE URGED BY PARTICIPANTS FROM THE RUBBER TRADE TO OFFER TO HOST THE NEXT ASSEMBLY, IN OCTOBER, 1976.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A MEETING OF THE FULL IRSG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF MARCH. REQUEST THAT US DEL BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE FORMAL OFFER FOR 1978 ASSEMBLY AT THAT TIME.

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